

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Jeffrey R. Filipek (Reg. No. 41,471) on 02/07/08.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the specification, replace the first paragraph with –

This is a reissue application of U.S. Patent No. 5,600,672, issued February 4, 1997, which is a Continuation-In-Part of application Serial Number 07/857,627, filed March 25, 1992 now abandoned. Further reissue divisional applications have been filed, all of which are reissues of Patent No. 5,600,672. These further applications are: 09/662,695, filed September 15, 2000; 09/677,421, filed October 5, 2000; 09/678,014, filed October 5, 2000; 09/677,420, filed October 5, 2000; 09/680,177, filed October 5, 2000; 09/680,176, filed October 5, 2000; 09/686,467, filed October 12, 2000; 09/686,463, filed October 12, 2000; 09/686,466, filed October 12, 2000; 09/688,028, filed October 12, 2000; 09/686,464, filed October 12, 2000; 09/686,465, filed October 12, 2000; 09/666,012, filed September 19, 2000; 09/667,525, filed September 21, 2000; 09/667,438, filed September 21, 2000; 09/668,068, filed September 25, 2000; 09/669,916, filed September 25, 2000; 09/672,948, filed September 29, 2000; 09/672,946, filed September 29, 2000; 09/672,947, filed September 29, 2000; 10/133,347, filed April 29, 2002; 10/133,364, filed April 29, 2002; 10/692,469, filed October 24, 2003; 10/693,526, filed October 27, 2003; 10/635,468, filed August 7, 2003; 10/690,297, filed October 27, 2003; 10/860,666, filed June 4, 2004; 10/782,411, filed February 20, 2004; 10/783,588, filed February 23, 2004; 10/773,811, filed February 9, 2004; 10/882,126, filed June 30, 2004; 10/885,572, filed July 7, 2004; 10/911,680, filed August 5, 2004; and 11/038,006, filed January 19, 2006.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

This Supplemental Examiner's Amendment is to correct the Cross-Reference To Related Applications section in the Specification only. All claims are allowed as previously indicated.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dac V. Ha whose telephone number is 571-272-3040. The examiner can normally be reached on 4/4.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Payne can be reached on 571-272-3024. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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